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AMENDMENT C UNDER RULE 116

(Remarks only)

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Action mailed March 9, 2004.

REMARKS

The rejection of claims 1-3, 8-10 and 15 under 35 USC §103 as obvious over Kasahara et al. (U.S. Patent 6,388,678) in view of Hashimoto (U.S. Patent 5,245,444) is in error.

Independent claim 1 requires "a first input terminal for receiving an analog image signal, and a second input terminal for receiving a digital image signal" (emphasis added). Independent claim 15 contains similar limitations. The primary reference Kasahara et al. teaches a display device that receives an analog signal 2, timing signals HD and VD, and ambient elimination detector 52 (FIG. 17; col. 12, lines 16-22; col. 22, lines 39-45). Nowhere does Kasahara et al. teach within its four corners the input of a digital image signal that corresponds to the analog signal RGB, i.e. as required by Applicant's independent claim 1. Indeed, the Examiner appears to admit that Kasahara et al. in fact does not expressly teach the input of a digital signal as

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